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1. Up to September 1943 there were approximately 60 wells in Patos which were very productive. These wells are exploited by the AIP Society (sic - AIPA "Azienda Italiana di Petrolio in Italia" - ?). The buildings and constructions were only temporary, and constructed chiefly of wood and only partially of stone. There was also a small mechanical workshop and a warehouse. Between 1943 and 1945 all this equipment was destroyed and dispersed, and the wells actually stopped producing by the end of 1943.
2. In 1947 it was decided to make use once more of these petroleum areas, and drillings were begun in September of the same year and were carried out with speed. All machinery and towers (derricks?) for drilling were brought to Patos from Kucove so that in August 1949 none of this equipment was to be found in Kucove. In addition to equipment from Kucove, some equipment was imported at the end of 1949 from the USSR and Czechoslovakia. Between 1947 and 1949, 50 wells (of about 800 meters in depth) were drilled in this area, the center of which is located around the small settlement of Margeleci. All new drillings are being carried out in the area surrounding the village Margeleci because the specific weight of the petroleum in this area is 0.920 - 0.930, whereas in the zone to the east and southeast, the specific weight of the petroleum is 0.980 - 0.990, which makes the petroleum from the Margeleci zone much more convenient for transportation by means of petroleum pipes.
3. During the early drillings, while the AIP was in charge, the Polish geologist Zuber supervised the work. In 1945 Zuber was arrested and was later set free; he still officially heads the research work, but because he is not considered politically reliable, he cannot actually work.
4. In 1947, when there was a close cooperation between Yugoslavia and Albania, geologic research was attempted by the Yugoslav geologist Pavlovic, who, upon the rift between Yugoslavia and Albania, was withdrawn and was replaced by the Soviet engineer Mjerubenko, as technical advisor. The latter is not quite a specialist, so that the present drillings are done on a hit or miss basis. Not long ago a geologist, whose name was not disclosed, arrived from the USSR. [REDACTED] that this man rarely enters the zone of petroleum drilling, so that thus far he has been of very little use. The average daily

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production is 50 to 60 tons, but a maximum of 150 tons has also been reached. The petroleum contains much sand and its refining takes a long time. Refining is done in the refineries of Kucove and the petroleum is forwarded through petroleum pipes to Vlone, from whence it is shipped abroad.

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